

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE COMMISSIONER OF  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Copies of contracts entered into by the Commissioner of Public Buildings, &c.*

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DECEMBER 19, 1860.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *December 18, 1860.*

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated April 16, 1838, I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the contracts entered into by the Commissioner of Public Buildings during the current fiscal year; also statements giving the names of the bidders, and the prices at which they proposed to do the work contemplated by said contracts.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

MOSES KELLY,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. WM. PENNINGTON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives of U. S.*

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This contract, made and entered into this twenty-second day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and sixty, between George Nietzey, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, acting under the authority of and for and on behalf of the United States, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said party of the first part does hereby contract and engage with the said John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, as follows: that, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he will furnish all the materials, the requisite labor and tools, and perform all the work necessary in grading, setting the curbstone, laying the

brick pavement, and paving the gutters, &c., on the south side of Missouri avenue, between Third and Sixth streets west, connected on Four-and-a-half street by a flag footway.

The curbstone to be of the best quality of New York North river stone, in pieces of not less than four feet long, sixteen inches deep, and four and a half inches thick, and to be jointed and well fitted, and set in a bed of coarse gravel and well rammed.

The brick to be of the best quality of hard red paving brick, to be laid on a bed of sharp river sand, four inches deep, on a bed of fine gravel, free from clay or loam, three inches deep, with two courses on edge next to the curb and one course on edge on the inner line.

The stone paving to be of common cobble stones, not exceeding four inches in diameter, except the stone on the outside line of the gutter, which must be six inches in diameter, laid on a bed of coarse sand and clean gravel, free from clay or loam, at least nine inches deep, and to be twice rammed, the second time after being well wet, and covered with fine clean gravel or coarse sand; the centre of the gutter to be laid with five courses of hard red paving bricks on edge.

The flagging to be of the best quality New York North river flagging, in pieces of not less than four feet long by eighteen inches wide, and not less than four inches thick; to be laid on a bed of fine gravel, six inches deep, free from clay or loam, and well jointed.

All grading not exceeding one foot to be rated as trimming, and the surplus earth to be removed by the contractor to such place as may be designated by the superintendent.

The work to be done in the most workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and under the superintendence of such person as he may appoint, and to be completed on or before the first of November next, and warranted to stand twelve months after completion. All repairs that may be required within the time for which the work is warranted, to be done at the expense of the contractor.

And the said John B. Blake, Commissioner as aforesaid, for and in behalf of the United States, does hereby contract and engage with the said party of the first part, as follows: To pay him, viz: for each cubic yard of grading, ten cents; for each square yard of trimming, one and a half cent; for each foot, lineal measure, of curbstone set, twenty-seven cents; for each square yard of brick pavement, forty-nine and a half cents; for each square yard of stone pavement, twenty-nine cents; for each square foot of flagging, twenty cents; for each lineal foot of brick on edge in gutter, eight cents; payment to be made upon the certificate of the superintendent appointed by the Commissioner, stating the quantity of work done when the whole shall have been completed as stated above.

In testimony of which agreements and stipulations, the parties above named have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

GEORGE NIETZEY. [L. S.]  
JOHN B. BLAKE. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—

GEO. W. DANT.

Know all men by these presents that we, George Nietzey and Samuel Byington, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States, or to its proper agent or attorney duly authorized to receive the same, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty-second day of August, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Nietzey and Samuel Byington, or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, do and shall well and truly execute a contract which the said George Nietzey has entered into with John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the said United States, by which he has contracted and engaged to furnish materials to grade, set the curbstone, lay brick pavements and stone gutters, including five courses of brick on edge in gutter, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

GEORGE NIETZEY. [L. s.]  
SAMUEL BYINGTON. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

*Synopsis and comparative statement of bids for grading, paving, curbing, &c., on south side of Missouri avenue, from Third to Sixth streets west.*

No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Grading.			Trimming.			Curbing.		
		Cubic yards.	Price.	Amount.	Square yards.	Price.	Amount.	Lineal feet.	Price.	Amount.
			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>	
1	George Nietzey .....	100	10	\$10 00	2,314	1½	\$34 71	1,225	27	\$330 75
2	George G. Wilson .....	100	13 <sup>⁹</sup>	13 00	2,314	4†	49 00	1,225	31	379 75
3	Thomas O'Connor .....	100	11½	11 50	2,314	-----	-----	1,225	31	379 75
4	P. Crowley .....	100	13	13 00	2,314	2‡	416 52	1,225	45	551 25
5	William E Dant .....	100	2	2 00	2,314	7	151 98	1,225	29	355 25
6	Bartholomew Riordan .....	100	10	10 00	2,314	-----	-----	1,225	32	392 00
7	W. B. Wilson .....	100	13	13 00	2,314	5†	61 25	1,225	31	379 75
8	Nicholas Acker .....	100	2	2 00	2,314	6	138 84	1,225	28	343 00
9	James A. Fletcher .....	100	15	15 00	2,314	6†	73 50	1,225	35	428 75
10	E. M. Chapin .....	100	7	7 00	2,314	4	92 56	1,225	26	318 50
11	William H. Calhoun .....	100	18	18 00	2,314	12½	289 25	1,225	30	367 50
12	William Rutherford .....	100	12	12 00	2,314	6	138 84	1,225	30	367 50
13	George W. Kidwell .....	100	9	9 00	2,314	6†	73 50	1,225	35	428 75
14	Charles Stewart .....	100	9	9 00	2,314	5	115 70	1,225	36	441 00

<sup>⁹</sup> Per square yard.

† Per running foot.

‡ Per square foot.

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No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Brick pavement.			Flag footway.			Stone paving in gutter.		
		Square yards.	Price.	Amount.	Square feet.	Price.	Amount.	Square yards.	Price.	Amount.
			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>	
1	George Nietzey .....	2,314	49½	\$1,145 43	420	20	\$84 00	408	29	\$118 32
2	George G. Wilson .....	2,314	42	971 88	420	20	84 00	408	28	114 24
3	Thomas O'Connor .....	2,314	57	1,318 98	420	19	79 80	408	31½	128 52
4	P. Crowley .....	2,314	60	1,388 40	420	45	189 00	408	45	183 60
5	William E. Dant .....	2,314	49½	1,145 43	420	19½	91 90	408	30	122 40
6	Bartholomew Riordan .....	2,314	63	1,457 82	420	18½	87 70	408	30	122 40
7	W. B. Wilson .....	2,314	44	1,018 16	420	25	105 00	408	30	122 40
8	Nicholas Acker .....	2,314	48	1,110 72	420	19	79 80	408	29	118 32
9	James A. Fletcher .....	2,314	55	1,272 70	420	30	126 00	408	35	142 80
10	E. M. Chapin .....	2,314	47	1,087 58	420	26	109 20	408	29	118 32
11	William H. Calhoun .....	2,314	50	1,157 00	420	25	105 00	408	39	159 12
12	William Rutherford .....	2,314	50	1,157 00	420	24	100 80	408	33	134 64
13	George W. Kidwell .....	2,314	55	1,272 70	420	35	147 00	408	35	142 80
14	Charles Stewart .....	2,314	46	1,064 44	420	28	117 60	408	30	122 40

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No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Brick on edge in gutter.			Aggregate.	Remarks.
		Lineal feet.	Price.	Amount.		
			<i>Cents.</i>			
1	George Nietzey.....	1,225	8	\$98 00	\$1,821 21	
2	George G. Wilson.....	1,225	9	110 25	1,722 12	
3	Thomas O'Connor.....	1,225			1,941 55	Bid does not include brick on edge in gutter, nor price for trimming.
4	P. Crowley.....	1,225	10	122 50	2,864 27	
5	William E. Dant.....	1,225	10	122 50	1,991 46	
6	Bartholomew Riordan.....	1,225	15	183 75	2,253 67	No price bid for trimming.
7	W. B. Wilson.....	1,225	9	110 25	1,809 81	
8	Nicholas Acker.....	1,225	10	122 50	1,915 18	
9	James A. Fletcher.....	1,225	15	183 75	2,242 50	
10	E. M. Chapin.....	1,225	15	183 75	1,916 91	
11	William H. Calhoun.....	1,225			2,095 87	No bid for brick on edge in gutter.
12	William Rutherford.....	1,225	9	110 25	2,021 03	
13	George W. Kidwell.....	1,225			2,073 75	
14	Charles Stewart.....	1,225	7½	91 87	1,962 01	Do. do. Bidder does not state whether his bid is for yard or foot; meaning inferred.

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This contract, made and entered into this twenty-second day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, between Nicholas Acker, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, acting under the authority of and for and on behalf of the United States, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said party of the first part does hereby contract and engage with the said John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, as follows: that, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he will furnish all the materials, requisite labor and tools, and perform all the work necessary in grading and setting the curbstone, laying the brick and flag footways, and paving the gutters, &c., &c., on the north side of B street south, between Seventh and Fourteenth streets west; that the curbstone shall be of the best quality granite, dressed six inches thick on top, and six inches deep on front, and three inches deep on the back edge, and no piece less than five feet long and sixteen inches deep, and to be jointed and well fitted and set in a bed of coarse gravel, and well rammed; the brick to be of the best quality hard red paving brick, to be laid on a bed of sharp river sand, four inches deep, on a bed of fine gravel, free from clay or loam, three inches deep, with two courses on edge next to the curb, and one course on edge on the inner line; that the stone paving of the gutter shall be of common cobble stones not exceeding four inches in diameter, except the stone on the outside line of the gutter, which shall be six inches in diameter, laid on a bed of coarse sand and clean gravel, free from clay or loam, at least nine inches deep, and to be twice rammed, the second time after being well wet, and covered with fine, clean gravel or coarse sand; the centre of the gutter to be laid with five courses of hard red paving brick on edge; that the flag footways to be of the best quality of New York North river flagging, in pieces not less than four feet long by eighteen inches wide, and not less than four inches thick, to be laid on a bed of fine gravel, six inches deep, free from clay or loam, and well jointed; that all grading less than one foot shall be rated as trimming, and the surplus earth to be removed to such place as may be designated by the Commissioner, or the superintendent he may appoint.

The above work to be executed in the most workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and under the superintendence of such person as he may appoint, and to be completed on or before the first of November next, and warranted to stand twelve months after completion; and all repairs that may be required within the time (12 months) for which the work is warranted to stand, to be done at the expense of the party of the first part.

And the said John B. Blake, Commissioner as aforesaid, for and in behalf of the United States, does hereby contract and engage with the said party of the first part, as follows: To pay, viz: for each cubical yard of grading, fourteen cents, (14;) for each square yard of trimming, four cents, (4;) for each foot, lineal measure, of curbstone furnished and set, seventy-four cents, (74;) for each square yard of brick pavement, forty-nine cents, (49;) for stone paving, including brick on edge in gutters, for each square yard, thirty-three cents, (33;)

for each square foot of New York flagging for cross-walks, twenty-two cents, (22;) payment to be made upon the certificate of the superintendent appointed by the Commissioner, stating the quantity of work done, when the whole shall have been completed as above specified.

In testimony of all which agreements and stipulations, the parties above named have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

NICHOLAS ACKER. [L. S.]  
JOHN B. BLAKE. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

Know all men by these presents that we, Nicholas Acker and Thomas Lambert, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States, or to its proper agent or attorney duly authorized to receive the same, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty-second day of August, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound Nicholas Acker and Thomas Lambert, or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, do and shall well and truly execute a contract which the said Nicholas Acker has entered into with John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the said United States, by which he has contracted and engaged to grade and set the curbstone and lay brick pavement and stone gutters, including five courses of brick on edge in gutter, then the above obligation to be void and of none effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

NICHOLAS ACKER. [L. S.]  
THOS. LAMBERT. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.



*Synopsis and comparative statement of bids for grading, paving, curbing, &c., north side B street south, from Seventh to Fourteenth street west.*

No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Grading.			Trimming.			Curbing.		
		Cubic yards.	Price.	Amount.	Square yards.	Price.	Amount.	Lineal feet.	Price.	Amount.
			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>	
1	Chapin & Simmons .....	293	11	\$32 23	3,274	5	\$163 70	2,726	76½	\$2,085 39
2	John A. Foos .....	293	15	43 95	3,274	5	163 70	2,726	74	2,017 24
3	James A. Fletcher.....	293	13	38 09	3,274	2*	54 52	2,726	80	2,180 80
4	George G. Wilson .....	293	13	38 09	3,274	4*	109 04	2,726	86	2,344 36
5	Nicholas Acker.....	293	14	41 02	3,274	4	140 96	2,726	74	2,017 24
6	William E. Dant .....	293	9½	27 10	3,274	5½	180 07	2,726	68½	1,867 31
7	William B. Wilson.....	293	15	43 95	3,274	6*	163 56	2,726	87½	2,385 25
8	Charles Stewart .....	293	9	26 37	3,274	5*	136 30	2,726	89	2,426 14
9	D. Gettings.....	293	10	29 30	3,274	3†	883 98	2,726	75	2,044 50
10	George Fasnaught & Jared Nitezill....	293	9	26 37	3,274	3†	883 98	2,726	74	2,017 44
11	P. Crowley .....	293	16	46 88	3,274	5	163 70	2,726	75	2,044 50
12	William H. Calhoun & Co .....	293	18	52 74	3,274	12½	409 25	2,726	85	2,317 10
13	Wise & Callahan .....	293	12	35 16	3,274	3	98 22	2,726	75	2,044 50
14	George W. G. Eslin.....	293	13	38 09	3,274	4*	136 30	2,726	90	2,453 40
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\* Per running foot.

† Per square foot.

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No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Brick pavement			Flag footway.			Stone paving in gutter.		
		Square yards.	Price.	Amount.	Square feet.	Price.	Amount.	Square yards.	Price	Amount.
			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>			<i>Cents.</i>	
1	Chapin & Simmons .....	5,150	55	\$2,832 50	240	29	\$69 60	1,524	45	\$685 80
2	John A. Foos .....	5,150	50	2,575 00	240	22	52 80	1,524	32	487 68
3	James A. Fletcher .....	5,150	55	2,832 50	240	30	72 00	1,524	35	533 40
4	George G. Wilson .....	5,150	45	2,317 50	240	20	48 00	1,524	29	441 96
5	Nicholas Acker .....	5,150	49	2,523 50	240	22	52 80	1,524	33	502 92
6	William E. Dant .....	5,150	45	2,317 50	240	18	43 20	1,524	28 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	438 15
7	William B. Wilson .....	5,150	50	2,575 00	240	25	60 00	1,524	33	502 92
8	Charles Stewart .....	5,150	46	2,369 00	240	30	72 00	1,524	32	487 68
9	D. Gettings .....	5,150	46	2,369 00	240	22	52 80	1,524	30	457 20
10	George Fasnaught & Jared Nitezill .....	5,150	44	2,266 00	240	20	48 00	1,524	28	426 72
11	P. Crowley .....	5,150	60	3,090 00	240	45	108 00	1,524	45	685 80
12	William H. Calhoun & Co. ....	5,150	50	2,575 00	240	24	57 60	1,524	35	533 40
13	Wise & Callahan .....	5,150	55	2,832 50	240	30	72 00	1,524	36	548 64
14	George W. G. Eslin .....	5,150	50	2,575 00	240	25	60 00	1,524	30	457 20
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No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Brick on edge in gutter.			Aggregate.	Remarks.
		Lineal feet.	Price.	Amount.		
			<i>Cents.</i>			
1	Chapin & Simmons -----	2,726	-----	-----	\$5,868 42	Price of brick on edge included in price for stone paving in gutter.
2	John A. Foos -----	2,726	-----	-----	5,340 37	Do. do. do.
3	James A. Fletcher -----	2,726	12	\$327 12	6,038 43	
4	George G. Wilson -----	2,726	9	245 34	5,544 29	
5	Nicholas Acker -----	2,726	-----	-----	5,278 44	No price bid for brick on edge; included in stone paving.
6	William E. Dant -----	2,726	9	245 34	5,118 67	
7	William B. Wilson -----	2,726	10	272 60	6,003 28	
8	Charles Stewart -----	2,726	16	436 16	5,953 65	This bid is irregular; the meaning of the bidder must be inferred; it is not clearly expressed in the bid.
9	D. Gettings -----	2,726	11	299 86	6,136 64	
10	George Fasnaught & Jared Nitezill -----	2,726	10	272 60	5,940 91	
11	P. Crowley -----	2,726	-----	-----	6,210 88	No bid for brick on edge; no specification of its inclusion in the stone paving item.
12	William H. Calhoun & Co -----	2,726	-----	-----	5,945 09	Do. do. do.
13	Wise & Callahan -----	2,726	9	245 34	5,876 36	
14	George W. G. Eslin -----	2,726	11	299 86	6,019 85	
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This contract, made and entered into this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, between F. & A. Schneider, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, acting under the authority of and for and on behalf of the United States, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said party of the first part does hereby contract and engage with the said John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, as follows: that, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he will furnish all the materials, the requisite labor and tools, and perform all the work necessary in erecting one thousand lineal feet, more or less, of wrought iron railing, and posts six feet apart, with three single and one double gate, for enclosing the circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues; the railing and fence posts to conform to the plans in this office; the gates and gate posts to conform to such plan as may be adopted; the spears, stars, and circular ornaments of the railing to be of cast iron, and the spears to be cast on the bars; the railing to be set in the granite coping, and waded in the same in the most secure, substantial, and workmanlike manner; to be done to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and under the superintendence of such person as he may appoint, and to be completed on or before the first day of December next.

And the said John B. Blake, Commissioner as aforesaid, for and in behalf of the United States, does hereby contract and engage with the said party of the first part to pay to him four dollars and ten cents for each lineal foot of the work above mentioned, payment to be made upon the certificate of the superintendent appointed by the Commissioner, stating the quantity of work done, when the whole shall have been completed as stated above.

In testimony of which agreements and stipulations, the parties above named have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

F. & A. SCHNEIDER. [L. s.]  
JOHN B. BLAKE. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

Know all men by these presents that we, F. & A. Schneider and L. H. & G. C. Schneider, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States, or to its proper agent or attorney duly authorized to receive the same, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this twenty-sixth day of September, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound F. & A. Schneider and L. H. & G. C. Schneider, or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, do

and shall well and truly execute a contract which the said F. & A. Schneider has entered into with John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the said United States, by which he has contracted and engaged to furnish the materials for and erect the iron railing enclosing the circle, as required in said contract, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

F. & A. SCHNEIDER. [L. S.]

L. H. & G. C. SCHNEIDER. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—

GEO. W. DANT.

This contract, made and entered into this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, between Wise & Callahan, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, acting under the authority of and on behalf of the United States, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said party of the first part does hereby contract and engage with the said John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, as follows: that, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he will furnish all the materials, the requisite labor, and tools, and perform all the work necessary in laying one thousand lineal feet, more or less, of brick foundation for enclosing the circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues, the foundation to be one foot and six inches, by three feet deep, the bricks to be of the best quality hard arch bricks, laid in mortar composed of proper proportions of lime and clean river-washed sand; also the necessary excavation, including the removal of the earth and the filling around both sides of the wall, and the ramming of the same, all to be done to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and under the superintendence of such person as he may appoint.

And the said John B. Blake, Commissioner as aforesaid, for and in behalf of the United States, does hereby contract and engage with the said party of the first part to pay him seventy-four cents for each lineal foot of the work above mentioned, payment to be made upon the certificate of the superintendent appointed by the Commissioner, stating the quantity of work done, when the whole shall have been completed as stated above.

In testimony of which agreements and stipulations, the parties above named affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

WISE & CALLAHAN. [L. S.]

JOHN B. BLAKE. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—

GEO. W. DANT.



Know all men by these presents that we, Wise & Callahan and William Wise, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of three hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States, or attorney duly authorized to receive the same, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this twenty-fourth day of September, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound Wise & Callahan and William Wise, or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, do and shall well and truly execute a contract which the said Wise & Callahan has entered into with John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the said United States, by which he has contracted and engaged to furnish materials for and lay the foundation for enclosing the circle as aforesaid, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

WISE & CALLAHAN. [L. s.]  
WILLIAM WISE. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

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This contract, made and entered into this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, between Schopp & Co., of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, acting under the authority of and for and on behalf of the United States, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said party of the first part does hereby contract and engage with the said John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, as follows: that, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he will furnish all the materials, the requisite labor and tools, and perform all the work necessary in setting one thousand lineal feet, more or less, of circular granite coping, for enclosing the circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues, the coping to be nine by sixteen inches, in pieces not less than six feet long, fine worked, well jointed, and set on a brick foundation, in cement mortar, in the most secure, substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and under the superintendence of such person as he may appoint, and to be completed on or before the fifteenth day of November next.

And the said John B. Blake, Commissioner as aforesaid, for and in behalf of the United States, does hereby contract and engage with the said party of the first part to pay to him two dollars and fifteen cents for each lineal foot of the work above mentioned, payment to be made upon the certificate of the superintendent appointed by the

Commissioner, stating the quality of work done, and also the quantity of the same, when the whole shall have been completed as stated above.

In testimony of which agreements and stipulations, the parties above named have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first herein written.

SCHOPP & CO. [L. s.]  
JNO. B. BLAKE. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

Know all men by these presents that we, Schopp & Co. and Nicholas Acker, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of five hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States, or to its proper agent or attorney duly authorized to receive the same, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this twenty-seventh day of September, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound Schopp & Co. and Nicholas Acker, or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, do and shall well and truly execute a contract which the said Schopp & Co. has entered into with John B. Blake, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the United States, by which he has contracted and engaged to furnish all the materials for and set the granite coping as named in the above contract, for enclosing the circle, as aforesaid, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

SCHOPP & CO. [L. s.]  
NICHOLAS ACKER. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of—  
GEO. W. DANT.

*Synopsis and comparative statement of bids for brick foundation, granite coping, and iron railing for the circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire avenues, K and Twenty-third streets.*

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No. of bid.	Name of bidder.	Brick foundation.			Granite coping.			Iron railings.			Remarks.
		No. feet.	Price.	Amount.	No. feet.	Price.	Amount.	No. feet.	Price.	Amount.	
1	James E. Beall.....	1,000	\$0 25	\$250 00							
2	R. J. Beall.....	1,000	26	260 00							
3	Wm. J. McCollam & Co ..	1,000	74	740 00							
4	Wise & Callahan.....	1,000	74	740 00							
5	J. F. Collins.....	1,000	78½	785 00							
6	William E. Dant.....	1,000	80	800 00							
7	S. C. & E. Wroe.....	1,000	85½	855 00							
8	B. Hutchins.....	1,000	86	860 00							
9	Jno. E. Herrelt.....	1,000	88	880 00							
10	Nicholas Acker.....	1,000	89½	895 00							
11	J. A. Foos.....	1,000	90½	905 00							
12	C. H. Bowen.....	1,000	92	920 00							
13	Daniel Myers.....	1,000	1 00	1,000 00							
14	Wm. Kavanaugh & Son ..	1,000	1 06	1,060 00							
1	Daniel Myers.....				1,000	\$1 97	\$1,970 00				
2	George Vihman.....				1,000	1 99½	1,995 00				
3	Schopp & Co.....				1,000	2 15	2,150 00				
4	W. Rutherford.....				1,000	2 17	2,170 00				
5	Nicholas Acker.....				1,000	2 20	2,200 00				
6	A. Jordan, Dunn & Co.....				1,000	2 24	2,240 00				
7	Henry Rock.....				1,000	2 27	2,270 00				
8	James T. Brown.....				1,000	2 35	2,350 00				
9	S. C. & E. Wroe.....				1,000	2 36	2,360 00				
10	Gault & Brother.....				1,000	2 40	2,400 00				
11	M. G. Emery.....				1,000	2 74	2,740 00				
12	William Higgins.....				1,000	2 84	2,840 00				
13	S. A. Pugh.....				1,000	2 95	2,950 00				

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14	R. A. Hill.....	-----	-----	-----	1,000	2 96	2,960 00	-----	-----	-----
15	William J. McCollam .....	-----	-----	-----	1,000	2 97	2,970 00	-----	-----	-----
1	Charles Benman.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	\$3 90	\$3,900 00
2	F. & A. Schneider.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	4 10	4,100 00
3	George F. Rider.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	4 67	4,670 00
4	C. H. Anderson.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	5 40	5,400 00
5	Wood & Perot.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	5 50	5,500 00
6	Daniel Myers.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	5 92	5,920 00
7	O. Davis.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 50	6,500 00
8	William M. Ellis & Bro.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 50	6,500 00
9	William T. Duvall.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 75	6,750 00
10	J. W. Martin.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 75	6,750 00
11	S. A. Pugh.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 85	6,850 00
12	J. McClelland.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 95	6,950 00
13	W. J. McCollam.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	6 98	6,980 00
14	Charles F. Thomas.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	12 00	12,000 00
15	A. H. Vancleve.....	-----	-----	-----				1,000	17 31	17,310 00

